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Dear Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant calls attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicant and its attorney which are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 1.56(b).

REMARKS

The listed references were cited during prosecution of parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/311,466 which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, copies of the listed references are not required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

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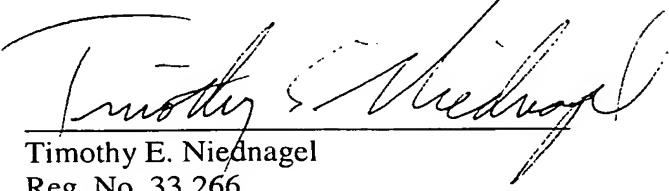
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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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